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E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: AMBASSADOR'S MEETING WITH FOMIN

1. I HAVE JUST RETURNED FROM A MEETING WITH ACTING FORMIN KYPREOS. I GAVE HIM SUBSTANCE AS INDICATED POLTO 38. IN VIEW OF THE HIGHLY DANGEROUS SITUATION DEVELOPING HERE AND THE GREAT CONCERN I HAVE ABOUT POSSIBLE GREEK REACTION TO ANY MASS LANDING DURING THE NIGHT BY TURKISH FORCES, I DECIDED TO GIVE GREEKS SOME OF THE FLAVOR OF DISCUSSIONS WITH TURKISH OFFICIALS AS REPORTED IN POLTO 37. THIS TURNED OUT TO BE QUITE USEFUL. ACTING FM KYPREOS WAS HIGHLY IMPRESSED.

I TOLD HIM I WAS PREPARED AT ANY TIME IN THE HOURS AHEAD, WHATEVER THE TIME, TO MEET WITH PM AND ANY KEY MILITARY PERSONALITIES OF THE REGIME. I COMPLIMENTED AGAIN THE GREEK AUTHORITIES FOR THE PROPOSALS WHICH THEY MADE TO SECRETARY SISCO AND THEIR RESTRAINT. AS A PERSONAL OPINION I THOUGHT THAT WORLD PUBLIC OPINION, WHICH HAD NOT BEEN FAVORABLE TO THEM, WAS NOW SHIFITING BECAUSE OF THEIR AGREEING TO AN IMMEDIATE CEASEFIRE IN THE INTERESTS OF MAINTENANCE OF PEACE.

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2. I HAVE THE IMPRESSION THAT THE ACTING FM WAS DEEPLY

IMPRESSED AND THAT ANY APPROACH WILL BE HELPFUL IN DETERRING ACTION DURING THE NIGHT IN THE EVENT THAT THE TURKS DECIDE ON ANY MASSIVE REINFORCEMENT OF THEIR TROOPS AND MATERIAL IN CYPRUS.

3. I REPEAT AGAIN I BELIEVE IT IS OF THE GREATEST IMPORTANCE FOR THE U.S. TO IMPRESS UPON THE TURKS THAT THEY MUST AGREE DURING THE NIGHT UPON A CEASEFIRE. I AM CERTAIN THAT WE CAN PUT ENOUGH SUBSTANCE IN OUR WORDS TO PERSUADE THE TURKS THAT THEIR NATIONAL INTERESTS LIE IN THE DIRECTION OF ABANDONMENT OF VIOLENCE AND WARS AND WHOLEHEARTED ADOPTION OF A POLICY OF DIPLOMACY AND NEGOTIATION.

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